

## CLAIMS

1. A document review apparatus comprising:

a communication unit connected to a network for performing communication with other devices;

5 a memory unit;

a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding a review result of a reviewed form to be reviewed;

10 a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding a review result of a reviewed form, as review result information in said memory unit; and

15 a creating unit which creates a single review result information based on the review result information when a predetermined number of review result information have been stored in said memory unit.

2. A document review apparatus comprising:

20 a communication unit connected to a network for performing communication with other devices;

a first memory unit which stores a reviewed form which is to be reviewed by a plurality of reviewers;

a second memory unit;

25 a determination unit which determines, based on

information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding a review result of a reviewed form to be reviewed;

5       a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding a review result of a reviewed form, as review result information in said second memory unit;

10      a creating unit which creates statistical data relating to the review result information when a predetermined number of review result information from the plurality of reviewers have been stored in said second memory unit; and

15      an updating unit which updates the contents of the reviewed form stored in said first memory unit by using the statistical data created by said creating unit.

3.      The document review apparatus according to claim 2, further comprising:

20      a notification unit which notifies the plurality of reviewers that a reviewed form to be reviewed is stored in said first memory unit; and

25      a transmission unit which, when information having a predetermined format and comprising address information has been received by said communication unit, uses said communication unit to transmit information which

corresponds to the reviewed form stored in said first memory unit to a device identified by said address information.

4. The document review apparatus according to claim 2,  
5 further comprising:

a display unit for displaying textual information;  
and

an input unit for inputting commands, wherein  
said updating unit including,

10 a display control unit which allows said display unit  
to display the contents of the reviewed form stored in said  
first memory unit in a format enabling an update result using  
statistical data created by said creating unit to be  
understood; and

15 a contents updating unit which updates the contents  
of the reviewed form stored in said first memory unit based  
on a command which is input via said input unit while said  
display control unit is controlling the display.

20 5. The document review apparatus according to claim 4,  
further comprising:

a second display control unit which allows said display  
unit to display a graph based on the statistical data created  
by said creating unit.

6. A document review system comprising:  
a plurality of document review apparatuses; and  
a network which connects said plurality of document  
review apparatuses, wherein  
5 each of said document review apparatus including,  
a communication unit connected to a network for  
performing communication with other devices;  
a memory unit;  
a determination unit which determines, based on  
10 information received from said communication unit, whether  
the information is information holding a review result of  
a reviewed form to be reviewed;  
a storing control unit which stores information, which  
has been determined by the determination unit to be  
15 information holding a review result of a reviewed form, as  
review result information in said memory unit; and  
a creating unit which creates a single review result  
information based on the review result information when a  
predetermined number of review result information have been  
20 stored in said memory unit.
7. A document review system comprising:  
a plurality of document review apparatuses; and  
a network which connects said plurality of document  
25 review apparatuses, wherein

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each of said document review apparatus including,  
a communication unit connected to a network for  
performing communication with other devices;  
a first memory unit which stores a reviewed form which  
5 is to be reviewed by a plurality of reviewers;  
a second memory unit;  
a determination unit which determines, based on  
information received from said communication unit, whether  
the information is information holding a review result of  
10 a reviewed form to be reviewed;  
a storing control unit which stores information, which  
has been determined by the determination unit to be  
information holding a review result of a reviewed form, as  
review result information in said second memory unit;  
15 a creating unit which creates statistical data  
relating to the review result information when a  
predetermined number of review result information from the  
plurality of reviewers have been stored in said second memory  
unit; and  
20 an updating unit which updates the contents of the  
reviewed form stored in said first memory unit by using the  
statistical data created by said creating unit.

8. A computer-readable recording medium which stores programs for allowing a computer to operate as a document review apparatus, said document review apparatus including,  
a communication unit connected to a network for  
5 performing communication with other devices;  
a memory unit;  
a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether the information is information holding a review result of  
10 a reviewed form to be reviewed;  
a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding a review result of a reviewed form, as review result information in said memory unit; and  
15 a creating unit which creates a single review result information based on the review result information when a predetermined number of review result information have been stored in said memory unit.
- 20 9. A computer-readable recording medium which stores programs for allowing a computer to operate as a document review apparatus, said document review apparatus including,  
a communication unit connected to a network for performing communication with other devices;  
25 a first memory unit which stores a reviewed form which

is to be reviewed by a plurality of reviewers;

a second memory unit;

a determination unit which determines, based on information received from said communication unit, whether  
5 the information is information holding a review result of a reviewed form to be reviewed;

a storing control unit which stores information, which has been determined by the determination unit to be information holding a review result of a reviewed form, as  
10 review result information in said second memory unit;

a creating unit which creates statistical data relating to the review result information when a predetermined number of review result information from the plurality of reviewers have been stored in said second memory  
15 unit; and

an updating unit which updates the contents of the reviewed form stored in said first memory unit by using the statistical data created by said creating unit.